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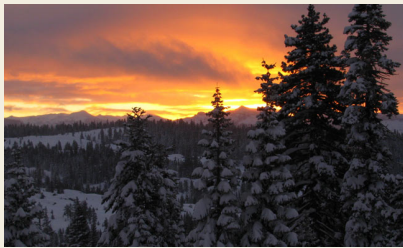


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The ongoing drought is making early season lot clearance a critical activity. In this eNews update you'll find guidelines and resources to help you get your lot cleared to reduce the risk of forest fire.

With this issue of BVRI eNews we are launching a new look and feel that tracks to our latest Website design. We hope you like it and we always appreciate your feedback.

Katherine

Bear Valley is not immune to forest fires! Forestry experts are already seeing early signs of what they're calling a "bark beetle explosion" in the forest, due mostly to the drought. So it's more important than ever that property owners comply with the 30/100 foot clearance requirements around homes and on vacant lots. The fire danger is high, and last year's Ganns Meadow fire was a close call for Bear Valley. Tree mortality may be especially severe this summer. Firefighters with limited resources will give priority to houses with good clearance when deciding which structures to protect in a fire.

Local dump sites are reportedly no longer accepting pine needles, meaning that burning will be your best option. But the burn season may be over by the end of May.

HELP WITH LOT CLEAN UP IS AVAILABLE!

Local resources to help clear your lot:

Erich Haas: 209-639-1169

Joe Zibley: 209-753-2492

Mike Ratkowski: 209-795-4366

Chris Hager: 209-329-0595

CONSIDER THINNING TREES ON YOUR LOT



It doesn't take much to spark a fire
Do your part to keep the forest and our homes safe!



Help keep our forest healthy
Clear your lot early and thin out the trees that are weak, dying or over crowded.

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Now's the time to consider thinning the trees on your lot

If you'd like to do tree thinning on your lot, you're allowed to cut trees up to 12 inches in diameter at breast height without special permission. For larger live trees, you need permission from the Architectural Review Committee, whose contact information can be found on the [BVRI website](#).

BVRI will be inspecting the lots earlier this year due to the enhanced fire danger so please clean up your lot as soon as possible. Also just because it was a light snow year doesn't mean that there is not burnable material on the ground. Please remove all burnable material. The duff and pine needles can stay except within 5 feet of your home.

Sincerely,

The BVRI Board

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